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A BILL FOR

1 An Act appropriating moneys to support a local food and farm
2 initiative.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 267A.2, subsection 4, Code Supplement
2 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 4. "*Fund*" means the local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation
4 fund created in section 267A.5.

5 Sec. 2. Section 267A.5, Code Supplement 2011, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 **267A.5 Local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation fund —**
8 **creation.**

9 A local food and farm ~~program~~ innovation fund is created in
10 the state treasury under the control of the department. The
11 fund is separate from the general fund of the state. The fund
12 is composed of moneys appropriated by the general assembly and
13 moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the local food
14 and farm program from the United States government or private
15 sources for placement in the fund. Moneys in the fund shall
16 be used to carry out the purpose and goals of this chapter
17 as provided in section 267A.1, including but not limited to
18 administering the local food and farm program as provided in
19 section 267A.6. The fund shall be managed by the department in
20 consultation with the local food and farm coordinator, under
21 the supervision of the local food and farm program council.

22 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **267A.5A Local food and farm innovation**
23 **fund — appropriation.**

24 Each fiscal year, there is appropriated from the general
25 fund of the state for deposit in the local food and farm
26 innovation fund created pursuant to section 267A.5, up to fifty
27 thousand dollars. The appropriation of each dollar in this
28 section is contingent upon a dollar match contributed to the
29 fund by a private person.

30 EXPLANATION

31 CURRENT LAW. During its 2011 session, the general assembly
32 enacted SF 509 (2011 Iowa Acts, ch. 128) which in part
33 established a local food and farm program fund within the
34 department of agriculture and land stewardship to support an
35 initiative to improve communication and cooperation between

1 and among farmers, food entrepreneurs, and consumers; and to
2 foster coordination between and among government agencies,
3 public universities and community colleges, organizations, and
4 private-sector firms working on local food and farm-related
5 issues.

6 BILL. This bill changes the name of the local food and
7 farm program fund to the local food and farm innovation fund
8 and each fiscal year appropriates up to \$50,000 to the fund
9 contingent upon each dollar appropriated to the fund being
10 matched with a dollar from a private contribution.